

1. A media distribution system having a server which distributes media information transmitted by a first terminal to a second terminal, said server comprising:

means for converting said media information into media information to be output according to said media decoding capability acquired.

means for receiving media information transmitted by
a first terminal;

means for acquiring media decoding capability of a second terminal which is said destination;

means for transmitting said output media information
to said second terminal.

means for receiving character information addressed to a second terminal by a first terminal;

speech signal conversion means for converting said character information into a speech signal;

video signal synthesis means for synthesizing a video signal corresponding to said speech signal;

speech synthesis means for encoding said speech signal in one of formats which allow said second terminal to receive and decode such signal;

video encoding means for encoding said video signal in one of formats which allow said second terminal to receive and decode such signal; and

means for adding the synthesized speech stream and the synthesized video stream to said character information, and sending such streams to said second terminal.

4. A multi-media conversion server of claim 3, further comprising means for acquiring format information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal, wherein said speech synthesis means and said video synthesis means are configured to perform synthesizing operations using said format information.

5. A multi-media conversion server of claim 3, further comprising means for presenting a plurality of speech types to be converted and a plurality of video types to be synthesized to said first terminal, and instructing to select and specify each one type from among the speech and video types;

wherein said speech synthesis means converts said speech encoding information and the video encoding information thus selected in the above into a speech signal according to the content of the selected speech selection information of a reception signal attached to character information, and wherein said video synthesis means synthesizes said video signal selected in the above.

6. A multi-media terminal wherein communication is executed between the multi-media terminal and a multi-media conversion server of claim 5, comprising:

means for entering and editing characters;

means for presenting said speech type to be converted, and synthesizing the speech selection information selected; and

a function for presenting said video type, and synthesizing the video selection information selected;

wherein the input character information and the synthesized speech selection information as well as the synthesized video selection information are transmitted.

7. A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving video information addressed to a second terminal from a first terminal;

means for acquiring video format information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

means for comparing a video format of said received

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video information with a video format that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

if any corresponding video format which allows the second terminal to receive and decode the received video information is not available as a result of said comparison, means for selecting one video format that can be received and decoded by said second terminal, and converting said entered video information into that of the video format thus selected; and

means for transmitting said converted video information to said second terminal.

8. A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving video information addressed to a second terminal from a first terminal;

means for acquiring screen size information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

means for comparing the screen size of said received video information with screen size information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

if the screen size of the received video information is larger than the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal as a result of the foregoing comparison, means for converting said entered video information into that of the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal; and

